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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of August 19 thru August 25, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 787 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

UNATTENDED CANDLE - On August 19 at 6:52 a.m. on the 400 block of Maryland Avenue West fire companies were dispatched for a report of smoke showing from 3 story apartment complex. When they arrived they found heavy fire coming out the bedroom window of an apartment on the 2nd floor. They were able to quickly extinguish the fire. The fire was confined to one apartment. One resident of another 2nd floor apartment couldn't get out through the smoke-filled hallway and was rescued down a short ladder. Another resident found in the smoke-hallway was evaluated by paramedics at the scene but was uninjured. Cause of this fire is a carelessly unattended candle that ignited the bedding. Damage is estimated at \$155,000.

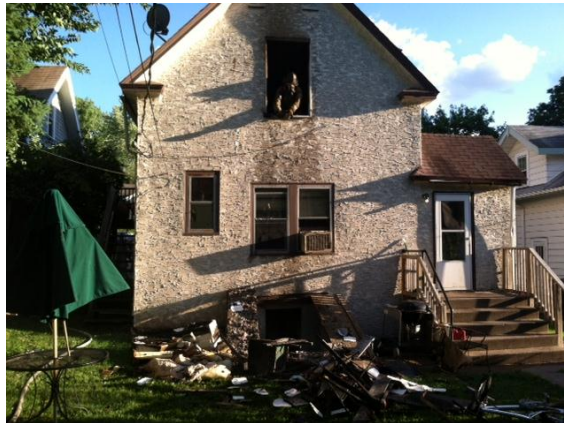


An unattended candle caused \$155,000 in damage to this apartment.

STABBING - On August 19 at 3:02 a.m. on the 200 block of Dayton Avenue a 21 year old man was jumped and stabbed as he was walking with a friend. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

STABBING - On August 19 at 2:54 a.m. on the 200 block of Dayton Avenue a 27 year old woman had been stabbed. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

UNATTENDED CANDLE - On August 20 at 6:31 p.m. on the 1500 block of 7th Street East fire companies were dispatched to a report of an apartment fire. They arrived to find a duplex with flames coming from a rear bedroom window. They quickly stretched hoselines and extinguished the fire. The occupant states that she had a candle burning next to the bed while she was running water for a bath. The occupant states she heard crackling and discovered her mattress and headboard had started on fire. The occupant attempted to extinguish the fire by smothering it in a large blanket without success and then evacuated. Damage is estimated at \$70,000. Paramedics treated the 42 year old woman, who suffered burns while attempting to fight the fire, and took her to a nearby hospital.



An unattended candle caused \$70,000 in damage to this apartment.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - On August 19 at 11:27 a.m. on Robert Street South and Morton Street East a 52 year old woman was involved in a motor vehicle accident. She was wearing her seatbelt. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

UNATTENDED COOKING - On August 21 at 6:08 p.m. on the 1900 block of Summit Avenue the resident was heating up oil for cooking when she went out the back door to dump some water when she locked herself out of house while the oil was still on the stove. The unattended oil then ignited even though the cover was on the pan. The resulting fire extended to the cabinets above. Damage is estimated at \$7,000.

CANDLE - On August 23 at 10:56 p.m. on the 400 block of Sherburne Avenue firefighters were dispatched to a dwelling fire. The occupant had been burning candles because they had been without power due to the storm. The occupant with the help of a neighbor extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher. Red Cross was called for the occupants. Damage is estimated at \$4,000.

ARSON - On August 24 at 5:55 a.m. on the 1600 block of York Avenue firefighters extinguished a fire in the basement bedroom. The vacant single family dwelling had been vandalized. An Arson reward sign was posted and the house boarded up. Damage is estimated at \$6,000.

IMPROPERLY DISCARDED CIGARETTE - On August 25 at 10:07 a.m. on the 1100 block of Barclay Street fire companies were dispatched to report of a small fire on a deck. They arrived to find the fire had burned through deck in the area of a potted plant. The fire was quickly extinguished. They left and at 12:00 p.m. were called back because smoke was seen in the walls. After investigating, they found fire burning in the wall of the adjoining deck. Damage is estimated at \$12,000.



An improperly discarded cigarette caused \$12,000 in damage to this apartment and deck.

ELECTRICAL FIRE - On August 254 at 1:55 p.m. on the 700 block of Desoto Street the homeowner was trimming trees and brush in the back yard when a branch fell on the power lines and shorted them out causing neutral and ground wires in the house to be energized. Upon fire companies arrival they saw smoke showing. They found the ground wire to the electrical panel to the water meter glowing and charred wood in the area. Damage is estimated at \$500.